



NUUANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006

BOOTH DISTRICT PARK

2331 KANEALII AVENUE

7:15 P.M.

The Chair requests full cooperation by members of the board, and guests; to be focused (on point), and very brief in their comments, or questions for each agenda item. Any Board member or guest desiring to speak before the Board, must be recognized by the Chair before proceeding. Individuals using cell phones should have it turned off, or on vibrate mode while the meeting is in progress.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR: AL CANOPIN, JR.**
- 2. VACANCIES:**
 - A. Subdistrict 1 (one seat)**
 - B. Subdistrict 2 (one seat)**
 - C. Option to Declare One Seat Vacant in Subdistrict 3 (Rae Gee) – Neighborhood Plan, Section 4-2.3**
- 3. FIRE AND POLICE –** Inquiries, questions, and comments will be restricted to the report presented.
 - A. Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)**
 - B. Honolulu Police Department (HPD)**
 - 1) District 1 – Honolulu**
 - 2) District 5 – Kalihi**
- 4. HAWAII LITERACY ADULT PROGRAM –** Heidi Byrne (5 minutes)
- 5. AGENDA (ESTABLISHING A TIME-LIMIT POLICY ON PRESENTATIONS, QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION, INQUIRIES, COMMENTS, ETC.) FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS**
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2006.**
- 7. SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT**
- 8. “MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY”** that was submitted by elected government officials, will be read by board members, and be printed (verbatim) unto the board’s minutes.
- 9. “STATE” LEGISLATION**
 - A. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 164**
 - B. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 98 SD-1**
- 10. PAUOA VALLEY EASTER EGG HUNT**
- 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**



- A. RATIFICATION OF PRE-ESTABLISHED LOCATION TO HOLD REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS. Note: Spoke with Vera (595-5422) of Nuuanu Elementary School. She will continue to hold the reservation until the board makes a decision.

**12. CHAIR & VICE CHAIR'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(NO LATER THAN 8:55 P.M.)**

13. ADJOURNMENT (NO LATER THAN 9:00 P.M.)

STATE, CITY & COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS, OMPO, AND OTHER AGENCIES

State, City & County Elected Officials, OMPO, and other agencies are encouraged to deliver ample copies of their reports to the Neighborhood Board Commission (Attn: Chair – NHB #12, Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King Street, Suite #400) **NO LATER THAN April 17, 2006 (Monday)**. Reports submitted will be distributed to Board members, and extra copies provided will be made available for attending guests.

CITIZENS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Citizens are encouraged to contact their elected neighborhood Board members regarding their issues. (See Neighborhood Board No 12 Directory as published on the City's website – see below).
- Citizens are encouraged to submit written requests (for agenda consideration), 21 days prior to future Neighborhood Board meetings to: Chair – NHB #12, Honolulu Hale. 530 S. King Street, Suite 400, Honolulu Hi 96813.
- Neighborhood Board Members are encouraged to immediately notify and/or forward citizens/community concerns received by them to the **CHAIR**, for timely implementation and referral towards bringing concerns to a closure. The intention of the Chair is to circumvent a "bottleneck effect" in addressing citizens'/community concerns at future Neighborhood Board Meetings.

NUUANU/PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD DIRECTORY

SUBDISTRICT 1:

Chair Al Canopin Jr. – 864-4941 (B) 527-5569
James Bannan – 521-5465
Richard Carreira – 537-4106
Remy Luria – (B) 538-8300

SUBDISTRICT 2:

Secretary/Treasurer Patt Spencer – 521-2761
Vice Secretary/Treasurer Wendy Ogawa – 474-3418x216
Mason Aiona – 538-6173
Sylvia Young – 845-9022

SUBDISTRICT 3:

Vice Chair Paula Kurashige – 595-7094
Dean Asahina – 595-6452 (B) 845-3986
Rae Gee – (B) 527-6395
Audrey Hidano – 595-6262 (B) 847-5555
Philip Nerney – 537-1777

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Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board

Inventory of Community Concerns

April 18, 2006

- **ITEM # 1: Kapaloala Place Adjacent to Pauoa Elementary School Parking Lot) – January 5, 2005**

SERVICE REQUESTED:

- Provide timetable/target start & finish dates for the proposed widening project at the location.
- Provide information regarding the source of funding for the project.
- Provide justification for proceeding with this project.
- Provide detailed map of project, and information regarding the impact upon residents at the location.
- Provide documentation of a public hearing, notification to residents in the area, acceptance by residents impacted, to include an endorsement by the neighborhood board.
- DO NOT proceed with this project without first providing the impacted property owners/residents an opportunity to express their concerns via a public hearing, etc.
- Respond to Councilmember Rod Tam's office, and to the requestor (Robert Lum) with your findings, recommendations, and intended action to be taken.

NOTE(s):

- Kapaloala Place is a public and private roadway.
- Residents have indicated that they DO NOT support this proposed widening roadway project.
- Inquiries and request for information regarding this project from the requestor to the Managing Director's Office and the Department of Transportation Services have been unanswered for nearly a year.

STATUS/Action Taken:

Memorandum – dated January 27, 2006 from Department of Transportation Services to Director Henry Eng (Department of Planning and Permitting) stated: "Department of Planning and Permitting will be preparing the appropriate response, and there is no requirement from the Department of Transportation Services.

Status: Response from the Department of Planning and Permitting is pending.

A 2nd follow-up inquiry was sent to the City Administration on March 10, 2006.

A letter (March 22, 2006) was forwarded from NHB 12 Chair to Mayor Mufi Hannemann – requesting for an expedited response.

Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 2: LACK OF PARKING S. Kuakini St. (between Nuuanu Avenue and Pali Hwy.) - Request by: Representative Sylvia Luke - February 2006**

SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:

There is not enough parking for area residents, and as a result, police are ticketing cars much more frequently. Please investigate this situation and see if a solution can be implemented.

STATUS/Action Taken: Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 3: Waokanaka Road - Missing Signage – February 2006**

A request was made to replace the missing sign.

The first sign on the makai side of the road on Waokanaka is missing, and there is an empty pole next to an electric pole.

STATUS/Action Taken: Request was forwarded to the City Administration on February 7, 2006.

The Department of Facility Maintenance/Road Maintenance Division responded: This is under State's jurisdiction. Department of Facility Maintenance to notify State Highways District office.

- **ITEM # 4: 3501/9 Nu'uuanu Pali Drive – February 2006**

SERVICE REQUESTED:

- Department of Facility Maintenance - Street Cleaners to properly dispose of the debris fronting the location, and throughout Nuuanu Pali Drive.
- Department of Design and Construction to provide cost estimates, and a scheduled plan to make the location and surrounding areas ADA compliant.
- Provide funding appropriations in the Mayor's CIP budget for the ADA project.

STATUS/Action Taken:

The Department of Design and Construction (Marvin Char 527-6983) responded that this location is under the "STATE" jurisdiction, and therefore needs to be referred to the "STATE" for consideration. The Department of Design and Construction will take no further action concerning this issue of ADA compliance improvements.

A response from the Department of Facility Maintenance in regards to cleaning the area: Nuuanu Pali Drive is scheduled for mechanical sweeping once a week as resources permit. The last sweeping was done on 2/16/06. It should be noted that the area in the subject vicinity has many trees and shrubbery that causes leaves and twigs to continually fall onto the roadway. More frequent sweeping of this area cannot be scheduled due to large workload and lack of resources. The Superintendent has informed his street sweeping drivers to dispose of there debris properly and be more aware of having the street sweeping brooms clean closer along the curb side. Should there be any questions, please call Melvin Miyata, District Road Maintenance Superintendent to the Halawa Corporation Yard, at 484-7630.

Director Henry Eng reported that Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP) inspection on 1/14/06 revealed the sidewalk area is overgrown. Notice of violation 2006/NOV-02-135 has been issued to the owners of the property.

An inquiry was made to State Representative Sylvia Luke's office to respond to the ADA Compliance concern. Response Pending.

March 1, 2006 - Received a phone call from Marvin Char (DDC) 527-6893, who said he just was informed that the city does have jurisdiction. He stated that there are no sidewalks at the location, and the city administration's recommendation would be to initiate the "Improvement District" process. He would need several weeks to officially respond to our inquiry. The homeowners would have to pay for 50% of the costs, and some may even lose some property to bring the location up to standard.

Response from the Department of Design and Construction (Deputy Director Eugene Lee on March 15, 2006) is as follows: "Our investigation showed that the only action needed to make the area ADA compliant is to keep the subject frontage regularly maintained. We spoke with Ms. Paula Kurashige of the Neighborhood Board. She explained that the complainant lives at 3509 Nuuanu Pali Drive and walks to the bus stop via a private roadway (TMK: 2-2-50:36) onto the unimproved sidewalk area on the makai side of Nuuanu Pali Drive. From here, the complainant crosses the road to get to the bus stop on the other side. A survey of the area confirms that the unimproved sidewalk is overgrown with weeds, uncut grass and overhanging tree branches. Thus making it difficult for a visually impaired person to walk through. We understand that the Department of Planning and Permitting has issued a Notice of Violation to the owners responsible for maintenance of the frontage. Since the owners live on the mainland, they have agreed to have the city do the clean up as required by ordinance, and be billed for this service. If there are any questions, please contact Marvin Char at 527-6381.

- **ITEM # 5: BOOTH DISTRICT PARK - ABANDONED/DERELICT VEHICLES**
(Neighborhood Board Member Mason Aiona) – February 2006

STATUS/Action Taken:

Vehicles have been parked (unmoved) at the location for over a year. Vehicles were identified, and forwarded to Motor Vehicle Control. Councilmember Rod Tam requested for the immediate removal. Action by the City Administration is pending.

Mason Aiona reported at our March 21, 2006 Neighborhood Board meeting that five of six vehicles were removed.

- **ITEM # 6: DISASTER SHELTERS**
(Board Member Patt Spencer) – February 2006

Several months ago Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland provided our neighborhood board with a listing of schools that can be used for disaster shelters. An announcement was later made that most of the schools on the list could not be used as shelters. Some board members are concerned for the lack of shelters in our community, and they would like to know what is being done to make up the shortage.

STATUS/Action Taken:

An inquiry was sent to Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland to verify what schools may be used for emergency shelters, of which are within the geographical boundaries of Neighborhood Board 12?

Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 7: EXCESSIVE SPEEDING AT PUIWA ROAD – Tara Kaneko – March 10, 2006**

STATUS/Action Taken:

Residents have expressed their concerns regarding excessive speeding (45+MPH) on Puiwa Road. Councilmember Tam's office submitted a request to investigate the feasibility of installing a speed bump at the blind curve adjacent to 130 Puiwa Road, and/or to find another optional measure to reduce speeding in the area, to increase motor vehicle and pedestrian safety. Response from the City Administration is pending.

- **ITEM # 8: KIMO BRIDGE – (Board member Paula Kurashige)**

Kimo Bridge is in disrepair, and needs work to **reduce the flooding**. No maintenance has been done on the bridge for years. The Pelekane Street Bridge also needs to be reviewed.

STATUS/Action Taken:

More time is needed for investigation. Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 9: PALI DRIVE (Board member Paula Kurashige)**

Pali Drive (the 1st house on Nuuanu Pali Drive off Pali Hwy), the sidewalk area is severely overgrown. Disabled persons must walk in the street to get to Pali Hwy. It's very dangerous. The house there is rented. Please assist in clearing.

STATUS/Action Taken: Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 10: Bridge at Auwaiolimu Street (Board members Sylvia Young and James Bannan)**

The bridge is owned by Hawaiian Homes (DHHL). It was privately owned, then DHHL wanted to turn it over to Pauoa School, but they didn't want to take it.

STATUS/Action Taken: Response from the City Administration:

This is a State issue and should be forwarded to the Governor's representative.
Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 11: Nu'uanu Neighborhood Security Watch Replacement of Signs – Request by Paula Kurashige – February 28, 2006**

STATUS/Action Taken: Request forwarded to the city administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office.

Response From Honolulu Police Department/Major Susan Ballard: "One March 14, 2006, Acting Sergeant Byron Anaya contacted Paula Kurashige, Vice-Chair of the Nuuanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board, and explained to her the procedures of requesting new "Neighborhood Security Watch" signs. The procedures are in the Revised Ordinances, sections 41-23.1 through 41-23.5. Acting Sergeant Anaya will be providing Ms. Kurashige with a copy of the ordinances. Should you have any questions, you may call Sergeant Anaya at 845-0950.

- **ITEM # 12: 2161 Pauoa Road**
Request by: Representative Sylvia Luke

SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:

- There is a small grassy area in front of 2161 Pauoa Road, which has become a neighborhood magnet for bulky pickup items. Many of these items are not acceptable for bulky pickup and the accumulation is becoming a safety hazard. Please have these bulky items removed as to prevent any injuries to residents in the area.
- Please investigate the feasibility of placing an official City & County "No Dumping" sign on the existing telephone pole fronting 2161 Pauoa Road.

STATUS/Action Taken: Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 13: NAMILIMILI STREET**
Request by: Marvin Kailikea

SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:

- Please provide street cleaning services every Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Namilimili Street in Pauoa Valley. This request stems from the excessive amount of rubbish created by the Monkey Pod Trees at Booth Park, which is directly across Namilimili Street. For many years, the rubbish from these trees has created a great burden on the residents in the area.
- To help facilitate this street cleaning, residents are requesting the installation of "No Parking" signs on Namilimili Street, which would prohibit parking only on Tuesdays & Thursdays, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.
- A petition were signed by the Namilimili Street residents who are in favor of these measures.

STATUS/Action Taken:

Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 14: BOOTH ROAD**
Request by: Councilmember Rod Tam

SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:

- City crews recently cleared some overgrowth on a stream embankment located across 2642 Booth Road. However, there is still a lot of overgrowth in the stream that needs to be cleared. Please have this overgrowth removed as it may contribute to flooding in this area during times of heavy rain.

STATUS/Action Taken:

Forwarded to the City Administration via Councilmember Rod Tam's office. Response Pending.

- **ITEM # 15: Resurfacing and Repair @ Intersection of Nuuanu & Pauoa Road to Lusitana Street, Booth Road, Pacific Heights Road to Ahekol Street**
Request by: Mike Egami

SERVICE(s) REQUESTED:

- Resurfacing of roadway at Intersection of Nuuanu & Pauoa Road to Lusitana Street.
- Immediate road repair on Booth Road (asphalt is in very poor condition with many cracks and potholes), and schedule for road resurfacing work.
- After the bridge and to the end on Booth Road, overgrowth of shrubs and trees needs to be trimmed and maintained. NOTE: Last week, residents observed and reported that HFD experienced difficulty in responding to an emergency call due to the excessive overgrowth that hindered timely access to the location.
- Roadside maintenance (weed whacking) on Pacific Heights Road to Ahekol St. The over growth of weeds, trees, and shrubs creates a traffic safety hazard to motorists in the area.

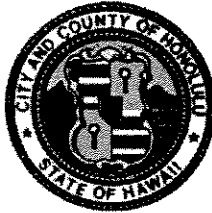
STATUS/Action Taken: See Attached 2 page letter from Laverne Higa (Director and Chief Engineer from the Department of Facility Maintenance) dated March 23, 2006 to Mike Egami.

- **ITEM # 16: Nuuanu Area Roadways – Kamaaina Drive/Place, Pelekane Drive, and Kaohinani Drive (between Pelekane Drive and Niolopua Drive) - Resurfacing and Repair**

STATUS/Action Taken: See Attached 1 page letter from Laverne Higa (Director and Chief Engineer from the Department of Facility Maintenance) dated March 31, 2006 to Councilmember Rod Tam.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
DRM 06-227

March 23, 2006

Mr. Mike Egami
2652-D Booth Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Egami:

Subject: Various Concerns on Pauoa Road, Booth Road and Pacific Heights Road

We apologize for our belated reply to your request regarding various concerns on the subject streets was referred to the Department of Facility Maintenance by Councilmember Rod Tam.

Pauoa Road, from Nuuanu Avenue to Lusitana Street, has been identified as in need of resurfacing and will be programmed for contract resurfacing as funds become available. The actual date for when this work will be done has not been determined at this time. The Board of Water Supply (BWS) has informed us that there is a waterline installation project planned along this section of Pauoa Road. Accordingly, resurfacing will depend on the availability of funds and the schedule for the BWS project.

A Division of Road Maintenance (DRM) crew patched potholes and provided minor pavement repairs along the roadway on January 20. More extensive first-aid type pavement repairs to provide temporary improvements until the roadway is resurfaced, will be done later this year. Heavy workload, coupled with limited resources, precludes us from doing this work sooner.

Booth Road, mauka of Hiolani Place, a privately-owned roadway, has also been identified as in need of resurfacing and will be programmed for contract resurfacing as funds become available. Although privately-owned, it qualifies for maintenance by the City, including resurfacing, as authorized under the City's Private Street Ordinance because it serves at least six individually-owned parcels and the roadway is open to the public. DRM recently inspected the roadway and determined no immediate repairs are needed. Booth Road, makai of Hiolani Place, is in generally fair condition and need not be resurfaced at this time.

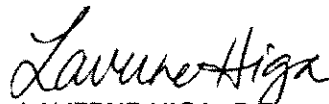
Mr. Mike Egami
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Maintenance of private roadways is limited to the roadway pavement area only. We are not authorized to remove overgrowth along the roadway shoulder area. Accordingly, removal of the overgrowth along the privately-owned section of Booth Road, mauka of the bridge over Pauoa Stream, rests with the roadway owner(s) or abutting property owner(s).

The weeds along Pacific Heights Road, from Booth Road to Ahekololo Street, were cut and removed on February 18 and 19, 2006

Should you have any questions, please call Charles Pignataro of the DRM, at 484-7697.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laverne Higa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laverne" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Higa".

LAVERNE HIGA, P.E.
Director and Chief Engineer

LH:cv (129311)

cc: Councilmember Rod Tam
Managing Director

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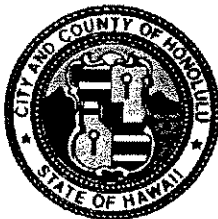
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DRM 06-185

March 31, 2006

The Honorable Rod Tam
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Councilmember Tam:

Subject: **Nuuanu Area Roadways**

I apologize for our belated reply to your letter of January 29, 2005, to Mayor Mufi Hannemann regarding your constituent's concerns about the pavement conditions of Kamaaina Drive and Place, Pelekane Drive and Kaohinani Drive (between Pelekane Drive and Niolopua Drive) in the Nuuanu area, which was referred to the Department of Facility Maintenance.

All four roadways have been identified as in need of resurfacing and will be programmed for contract resurfacing once roads that are in poorer condition are fixed and as funds become available. Resurfacing was not programmed in the current Capital Improvement Projects Budget, but will be considered in subsequent fiscal year funding.

A Division of Road Maintenance (DRM) crew patched potholes along the roadways to provide immediate temporary improvements. Additional minor pavement repairs will be done as needed until they can be resurfaced.

Should you have any questions, please call Charles Pignataro of DRM, at 484-7697.

Sincerely,

Laverne Higa

Laverne Higa, P.E.
Director and Chief Engineer

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APPROVED:

Wayne M. Hashiro

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Acting Managing Director

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